Central Government on 10.5.1984 for making a reference to the Supreme Court on the question of entitlement of Haryana and Rajasthan to a share in the power generated in the Anandpur Sahib Hydel Project, Mukerian Hydel Project, Thein Dam Project, Upper Bari Doab Canal (UBDC) Stage-II and Shahpur Kandi Hydel Scheme; and in the case of there being such an entitlement, to determine the share of each State.

This has been a subject Matter of discussion in various inter-state meetings held by the Ministry of Water Resources. However, no consensus could be reached. The Northern Zonal Council has now been approached to persuade the States concerned to arrive at an amicable settlement.

Unauthorised Constructions

1653. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of unauthorised constructions made in the Government colonies at New Delhi;

(b) the number of complaints received by various civic bodies in this regard, during the last three years from bonafide residents of the colonies in which the unauthorised constructions have come up;

(c) the action taken by the Government to demolish the unauthorised constructions; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (d). About 2200 unauthorised structures exist in Government colonies. These include jhuggis, shops, religious structures etc. but do not include unauthorised constructions made in Government quarters. Whenever a pocket of encroached land is required for a public purpose, action to remove the encroachment is taken in accordance with the general policy laid down for removal of such encroachments and after a physical survey is conducted. Instructions have been issued to the field staff to be vigilant and to prevent fresh encroachments.

[Translation]

Power Shortage in U.P.

1654. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the acute shortage of power causing great difficulties to the public of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to slove the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Uttar Pradesh faced an energy shortage of 14.3% during April-June, 1996 as against the average of 6.8% in the Northern Region and an All India Average of 11.2%.

(b) Various measures taken to improve the availability of power in Uttar Pradesh include capacity addition, maximising generation from existing capacity, implementation of an R&M programme, reduction of Transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation measures and obtaining assistance from neighbouring States/Systems.

[English]

Decline in Hydro-Electric Power Generation

1655. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a decline in the share of hydro-power in the total power generation of the country while the potential for tapping of energy is the largest in the hydro-electric power section;

(b) whether any panel has been constituted by the Planning Commission to chalk out a policy for the improvement of Hydro-electric Power Sector;

(c) if so, whether the Panel has submitted its report, details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) The share of hydro-electric potential in the total installed capacity of the country was 50.62% in 1963 and has thereafter declined to 25.19% as on 31.3.1996. Central Electricity Authority has assessed the total hydroelectric potential of the country at 84044 MW at 60% load factor of which 12475.07 MW at 60% load factor (14.84%) has been developed and about 5879 MW at 60% load factor (6.99%) is under various stages of development.

(b) to (d). An Inter-Ministerial Group was constituted by the Planning Commission in May, 1992 to identify new hydel projects to be taken up in the 8th Five year Plan and suggesting an action plan for implementation of these projects expeditiously. The first meeting of the Group was held in September, 1992. Subsequently, the National Development Council (NDC) Committee on power was set up in 1993 which also considered the question of increasing the share of hydel power in the total installed capacity. As a result, no further meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group to identify new hydel projects was held.